



Taxicab Services Commission

Tuesday December 6, 2022

6 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Commission members present:

Elizabeth “Buffy” Ellis, Charles Kauffman, David Mohebbi, Afework Kidane

Commission members absent:

Becaye Traore, Joyce Plaxen, Biama Nelson, Francis Creighton (resigned)

MCDOT Staff: Ulysses Delaney and Walton Harris

Ex-Officio members Present:

None

Ex-Officio members Absent:

Montgomery County Council Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee or designee not appointed at time of meeting.

Chris Conklin – Department of Transportation

Guests:

Deanna Archey – Montgomery County Department of Transportation

Darrell Smith – VBH Project Manager – Ride-on Reimagined

The meeting was call to order at 6:04 p.m.

Action Items:

- The commission could not approve the minutes for the September 28, 2022, meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Announcements

- MCDOT provided information to an inquiry raised at the September 28, 2022, Taxicab Services Commission meeting regarding changes to Senate Bill 868, the enabling legislation for the County's Transportation Services Improvement Fund.
- Commission members present discussed strategies to engage staff with the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Maryland General Assembly, on increasing the amount counties are allowed to charge as a surcharge for using a Transportation Network Company (TNC) such as Uber or Lyft.

Discussion Items:

Ride-on Reimagined Study

- Deanna Archey introduced Darrell Smith, Project Manager with VBH who provided information and insight regarding Montgomery County's Ride-on Reimagined Study.

Report from Commission members who represent specific groups

- Commission Chair Ellis discussed her outreach to different groups that represent the general public, including the Bethesda Urban Partnership, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and the Wheaton Urban District Citizens Group.
- Commission member Kauffman indicated that he was working on outreach to seniors in conjunction with Visit Montgomery.

Input from Commission members who represent specific groups

- Commission members discussed a proposal to proactively connect with groups and community stakeholders that certain Commission members represent.

FY23 Q1 TSIF payment information

- Staff provided an update of fiscal year 2023 first quarter payment information to drivers providing wheelchair accessible vehicle trips. Information was also provided regarding Call-n-Ride trips, Medicaid and Medicaid Plus trips.

General discussion

- Commission members Kauffman and Mohebbi discussed the feasibility of Commission member Kauffman's Call-n-Ride expansion proposal.

Meeting adjourned:

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.